

THE BIBLE STILL BEST SELLER.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning Publication of Sacred Book.

New York, Feb. 8.—The Bible remains the best seller.

Officials of the American Bible Society announced yesterday that, despite somewhat depressing industrial conditions of the last year, the output of Holy Writ during that time exceeded by 380,579 the number of those sold and given away the year before.

Bibles, Testaments and portions of each, together with those especially prepared for the blind in a total of about 4,206,380 were sent to near and far countries of the world within the twelve months just past.

After a report from the society, which for more than one hundred years has manufactured its own Bibles, I visited the old-fashioned red brick Bible House, which creates a small world of its own in the triangles of Astor Place. I waited for the Rev. Gilbert S. Darlington, in what appeared to be an interesting old library, where walls were lined from floor to ceiling with rows of books.

Inspection proved that all of the books were Scriptures, and no two were of the same language or issue.

Many Languages.

The Rev. Mr. Darlington said they represent, to some degree, the scope of the society's work. He continued: "We have published Bibles in this house in sixty-eight languages and in six systems of embossed type for the blind. The books on the shelves represent three hundred and thirty-three different tongues and dialects.

"Some of the most curious of these in which our volumes have been issued are varieties of Indian speech—Chocaw, Dakota, Mohawk, and so on. They also have been printed in Arabic, Hawaiian, Icelandic, Bulu, Ebon, Gilbert Islands, Japanese, Kurdish, Nez Perces, Ponape, Syrian (ancient and modern), Quechua (both of Ecuador and Bolivia), Zapotec and Zulu, besides all the more usual languages and dialects you can think of.

"Many are printed in Yiddish and in ancient Hebrew. We also issue a Volgate Bible (in Latin), which is the standard Roman Catholic version.

"It is not true that we are to stop publishing. We will go on as before excepting that the actual work of printing is to be done outside of the Bible House."

He explained that in 1915 a good Bible paper could be purchased for a little more than four cents a pound. In 1920 the price went up to five or six times that amount, and now it is nearly one hundred per cent higher. Other elements necessary for book-making are similarly high, he said. With the demand for Scriptures steadily increasing, however, it is expected that the output of last year will be doubled in 1922.

Seventy-Six Million Printed.

Rev. Mr. Darlington said that since the presses were set up in the Bible House in 1853, it was estimated that a total of about 76,000,786 Bibles have been issued there. This averages something like eight volumes a minute for every eight-hour working day. It is interesting to note that, until 1920, the greatest number of Bibles were printed in English—to the number of 745,520. Spanish Bibles were second, there being 151,665 printed. Portuguese followed. He then added:

"In 1920 this society, which is a missionary enterprise, and run principally on contributions, issued 3,825,401 books. That would mean seven volumes for every minute of the year. Average annual issues for the last ten years have been over 5,000,000. Some of these were sold, but most were given to persons unable to pay.

"We estimate that the American Bible Society, in all its branches, put out a total of 141,729,340 volumes of Scriptures, 25,000,000 of which were whole Bibles, for the 150 years of the society's existence, through and including the year 1920.

"Recalling that the Bible was the first book printed, and that it has been printed in an ever-increasing number, I believe it safe to say that 600,000,000 copies of the Sacred Book have been turned out since printing was invented."

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THREE KILLED AND MANY HURT

When Richmond Hotel Burns—Loss Estimated at \$150,000.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 8.—Three persons are known to be dead, 25 injured, several probably fatally, as the result of a fire early yesterday, which destroyed the Lexington Hotel and adjoining buildings. Several persons are thought to have been caught under a wall which collapsed on the 12th street side of the hotel. Many persons were injured by leaping from windows.

The property damage was estimated at \$150,000. The flames, starting in the Lexington Hotel from a cause as yet undetermined, very quickly destroyed the structure and then spread to the adjoining buildings occupied by the Savings Bank of Richmond, the Pearl Laundry, the Cooperative Exchange, the Anderson-Wilson Paper Co. plant and the Clyde W. Saunders printing plant, which were practically destroyed.

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Former Transport Burned at Sea.

New York, Feb. 8.—The former transport Northern Pacific, which last claimed headlines in 1919 when she crashed on to a sand bar off Fire Island with 3,000 American soldiers she was bringing back from France, to-day was destroyed by fire 40 miles off Cape May, N. J.

A crackle of the radio early this morning brought word that fire had broken out aboard the swift steamer and that she was a mass of flames.

Later messages reported that she had been abandoned by Capt. Wm. Lusti and her skeleton crew of 75, who were taking her to dry dock in Chester, Pa.

Rescue of all her crew by steamships which had rushed to the scene next was recorded.

The latest message stated that the vessel, blazing fiercely and listing hard to starboard, was drifting to the southeastward.

Students Favor Single Standard.

Seventy-five students of the University of South Carolina met at the University Y.M.C.A. recently, organizing a "single standard of morals" club, which the Carolina men hope to later enlarge into a national organization of college men.

The purposes of the club are to build up among the student bodies of the colleges and universities of the country a strong sentiment against the so-called double standard of morals and add the weight of organization to the denial of the doctrine that man may "sow his wild oats" with impunity. The club would also use its influence, according to E. B. Smith, a leader in the organization of the club, to "put every freshman on the right track as soon as he enters college, and let him know that he should be proud rather than ashamed to say that he is a chaste man."

Convicts Defraud Sing Sing.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Convicts assigned to office and accounting duties at Sing Sing prison have defrauded the State again. This time of \$14,518, it was revealed in the annual report of State Comptroller James A. Wendell, made public a few days ago. The report will be submitted to the Legislature.

Bank checks, the report said, were forged by the prisoners, and the Comptroller recommends the help to keep the financial and industrial accounts of the prison so that in the future no convicts need be employed to do the work.

The largest lake in Japan—Lake Biwa—is only 36 miles long.

Ivy bushes used to be hung over the doors of taverns as signboards, because the plant was graced to Bacchus, the Roman god of wine.

STOCKHOLDERS HAVE TO PAY

Shortage of \$201,000 in Marietta Bank—Bank Officers Arrested.

Marietta, Ga., Feb. 8.—Although depositors of the Marietta Banking and Trust Company will lose little, if anything, as a result of shortages of \$201,000, for which A. H. Gilbert, vice president, and George H. Sessions, cashier, were arrested on Monday, it is believed that some of the stockholders will be severely hit by the necessity of making up the loss.

The company was an established institution, regarded as an eminently safe and successful one, and the wealth of several families was almost entirely in stock of this bank.

Dr. J. B. Malone, president of the company, issued a statement Monday, in which he said Mr. Gilbert had confessed to him that the shortages had resulted from speculation, by himself and Mr. Sessions, separately, but each with the knowledge of the other. The shortages had extended over a period of ten years, he said.

During all this time the misuse of the bank's funds was covered up by false entries on the books and by bogus notes, which were managed so skillfully as to escape detection by the auditing committees of the directors and the State Bank Examiners, Dr. Malone said.

It is said that the discovery of the shortage Saturday afternoon was almost by accident. The State Bank Examiner had completed his examination of the books and was about to certify them as correct, as had been done for many years, when his attention was attracted by one item. He noticed an entry of \$3,000 as of interest on notes amounting to about \$117,000. Struck by the small amount of the interest on the notes of that amount he again went over the books, discovered other suspicious entries, and with these clues ascertained that a shortage of \$200,000 or more existed. His discovery was immediately followed by the closing of the bank and later by the arrest of the two officials.

Audit of the books of the company by agents of the State Banking Department, which was started on Monday, was continued all day on Tuesday. The Cobb county grand jury is in session, but it is not considered probable that it will take up the charges against the two officials until after the audit has determined the exact amount of the shortage.

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Schooner Beached Three Months.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—The little French auxiliary schooner Suzaky, en route to Papeete from France, was beached in the South nearly three months, while her crew of fifteen faced starvation, according to wireless advices received at this port. Distress signals from the little craft were picked up by the freighter Steel Scientist, and that vessel reprovisioned the Suzaky and helped start her engines, which her own crew was unable to do. The Suzaky left Rouen, France, for Papeete on July 11, the report said.

The phrase, "I was taken aback," meaning "taken by surprise," is a nautical term. A ship is "taken aback" when the sails are suddenly blown back by the wind.

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Lost! Judged! Punished!

By REV. GEORGE E. GUILLE Extension Department, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TEXT.—For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost.—Luke 19:10. He that believeth not is judged already.—John 3:18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction.—II Thess. 1:9.

Solemn, solemn, solemn words—words of Holy Scripture and "God-breathed" in every syllable—that set forth the condition and the doom of the rejecter of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is lost. He is under sentence of judgment. He shall be punished according to his works. These three texts reveal God's estimate of man, an estimate that shall abide in spite of "the reasonings of the wise" and of man's mistaken estimate of himself. "To the law and to the testimony," then, which declare that man is



Lost.

I. (1.) Because he is born in sin. "Behold," cried the Psalmist by the Spirit of God, "I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."—Psa. 51:5. Right you are, David! And you spoke there for me and for all the race. Sin is the sad heritage bequeathed to us by our father, Adam.

(2.) Because he is corrupted through and through in every department of his being. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."—Isa. 1:6. God's estimate again. And they who accept it cry: "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind have taken us away."—Isa. 64:6.

(3.) Because he is dead to God. "And you, who were dead in trespasses and sins,"—Eph. 2:1. "Ye must be born again."—John 3:7.

(4.) Because he is without God, and ungodly. "That at that time ye were without Christ . . . having no hope and without God in the world."—Eph. 2:12. "When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." God said it! O soul, He said it about you! Talk not of your poor human goodness, or your man-pleasing morality, or your efforts to make something of yourself. You are dead to God, and there is no life for him save that which he gives in Christ.

II. The Word of God declares that man is

Judged

by a sentence that was pronounced at the cross of Jesus Christ. Man is no longer under probation; that came to an end at the place called "Calvary." There where the "wrath of God was revealed from heaven," there where God's Beloved Son bowed His head in death under the weight of this world's sin—there the sentence was written for every eye to see. "Now is the judgment of this world." Every unsaved man, whether in the deepest depths of depravity or walking upon the highest planes of morality, is under that sentence. He is judged for not accepting God's provision in Christ—judged for rejecting the only Savior. "He that believeth on Him is not judged; but he that believeth not is judged already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

III. One more solemn fact remains: men shall be

Punished.

And this according to their deeds and for their deliberate aversion to Jesus Christ. "Who will render to every man according to his deeds."—Rom. 2:6. "And the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."—Rev. 20:12. "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of Grace?"—Heb. 10:28-29.

O soul, lost and undone, lying under God's righteous sentence, look at the wondrous and blessed contrast to all this on the part of the one that accepts the Lord Jesus for his own Savior. He is saved ("Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"); he "shall not come into judgment, but is passed from death unto life"—John 5:24; and over and above it all, he shall be rewarded according to his fidelity to that Blessed One who has saved him. "And my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be."—Rev. 22:12. Only a step from your lost estate into this blessed one! Take it now!

Consider Thyself.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.—Gal. 6:1.

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THE LECTURER.

I met a sad and gloomy man upon the train one day;

His face was long and solemn, and his hair was turning gray; His eyes were dim and sunken, and a pallor lined his cheek— He was the sorriest spectacle I'd seen in many a week. "Good sir," I said, "what weight of woe is preying on your mind?" "I'm merely thinking," he replied, "of the home I left behind."

"I have a fine and happy home—a lovely place to be: Now look at what the tempter's voice has up and done for me. He promised me a Pullman car and rooms in fine hotels; He said I should be feted by the leading city belles; He said the jumps were easy ones, and pleasant trips to make— At 5 A. M. I quit my bed this blooming train to take!

"They routed me from Spouters' Vale to dear old Oskaloosa, From Squedunk Point to Hokem Lake I rode in the caboose: I walked the station platform until 2 A. M. to meet The only train to get me to the next place on the sheet, And when at last I hit the town and wished to go to bed, 'Ain't got no room,' the yawning, red-haired, surly room clerk said."

"You say you have a happy home, and yet you wander far. I take it, then," I answered him, "a traveling man you are?" He sadly shook his weary head; "Oh, no," he answer made, "The glorious, happy, much-applauded lecture game's my trade: But hear me now: If I survive the hazards of this trip, And get back home, alive and sound, I'll throw away my grip."

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Representatives of the company, it was said, asserted that it had made no profit on its contract.

Numbers of Men Enlisting.

Ninety-one men were enlisted at the Camp Benning recruiting office during the month of January. In addition, recruiting personnel from the Infantry School secured 146 recruits at Fort McPherson, Ga., and 42 at the air service depot, Montgomery, Ala. Twenty-five enlistments were also made at Fort Barrancas, Pensacola, Fla. The total enlistments for the local camp were over three hundred. There are still a limited number of vacancies for high grade men in the 29th Infantry, 7th Engineers, Medical Department. The chief requirements for enlistment are good moral character, excellent physical condition, a good education and no dependency.

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